

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT & REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

I. EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT:

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Volel Emile (Reg. No. 39,969) on 01/12/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently amended) A method of making links that are not easily ~~identified~~ identifiable in a displayed Web document by a user to be clearly recognizable comprising:

displaying the Web document in a browser, the Web document having a plurality of embedded links and the browser including a highlight links button for highlighting the plurality of embedded links in the displayed Web document;

enabling the user to assert the highlight links button to highlight the plurality of links embedded in the displayed Web document;

parsing the displayed Web ~~page~~ document for the plurality of embedded links in response to the user asserting the highlight links button;

duplicating the plurality of embedded links found in the displayed Web document in response to parsing the displayed Web document;

displaying the plurality of duplicated embedded links into a box wherein each duplicated embedded link in the box corresponds to a link in the ~~embedded~~ displayed Web document ~~page~~; and

highlighting a particular embedded link in the displayed Web document when a cursor is placed over a duplicated embedded link in the box, the duplicated embedded link corresponding to the particular embedded link.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein highlighting the particular link includes having the particular link flash.

4. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link in a different color.

5. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using a larger font.

6. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using a different font.

7. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein highlighting the particular link includes emboldening the particular link.

8. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using an enlarged font and enlarging a target area in which the particular link is displayed.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A computer program product on a computer readable storage medium for making links that are not easily ~~identified~~ identifiable in a displayed Web document by a user to be clearly recognizable comprising:

code means for displaying the Web document in a browser, the Web document having a plurality of embedded links and the browser including a highlight links button for highlighting the plurality of embedded links in the displayed Web document;

code means for enabling the user to assert the highlight links button to highlight the plurality of links embedded in the displayed Web document;

code means for parsing the displayed Web ~~page~~ document for the plurality of embedded links in response to the user asserting the highlight links button;

code means for duplicating the plurality of embedded links found in the displayed Web document in response to parsing the displayed Web document;

code means for displaying the plurality of duplicated embedded links into a box wherein each duplicated embedded link in the box corresponds to a link in the ~~embedded~~ displayed Web document ~~page~~; and

code means for highlighting a particular embedded link in the displayed Web document when a cursor is placed over a duplicated embedded link in the box, the duplicated embedded link corresponding to the particular embedded link.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein highlighting the particular link includes having the particular link flash.

15. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link in a different color.

16. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using a larger font.

17. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using a different font.

18. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein highlighting the particular link includes emboldening the particular link.

19. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using

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an enlarged font and enlarging a target area in which the particular link is displayed.

20-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) An apparatus having at least one processor for making links that are not easily ~~identified~~ identifiable in a displayed Web document by a user to be clearly recognizable comprising:

means for displaying the Web document in a browser, the Web document having a plurality of embedded links and the browser including a highlight links button for highlighting the plurality of embedded links in the displayed Web document;

means for enabling the user to assert the highlight links button to highlight the plurality of links embedded in the displayed Web document;

means for parsing the displayed Web ~~page~~ document for the plurality of embedded links in response to the user asserting the highlight links button;

means for duplicating the plurality of embedded links found in the displayed Web document in response to parsing the displayed Web document;

means for displaying the plurality of duplicated embedded links into a box wherein each duplicated embedded link in the box corresponds to a link in the ~~embedded~~ displayed Web document ~~page~~; and

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means for highlighting a particular embedded link in the displayed Web document when a cursor is placed over a duplicated embedded link in the box, the duplicated embedded link corresponding to the particular embedded link.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein highlighting the particular link includes having the particular link flash.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link in a different color.

27. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using a larger font.

28. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using a different font.

29. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein highlighting the particular link includes emboldening the particular link.

30. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using an enlarged font and enlarging a target area in which the particular link is displayed.

31-33. (Canceled)

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34. (Currently amended) A computer system for making links that are not easily ~~identified~~ identifiable in a displayed Web document by a user to be clearly recognizable comprising:

at least one memory device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing the code data ~~for displaying~~ to display the Web document in a browser, the Web document having a plurality of embedded links and the browser including a highlight links button for highlighting the plurality of embedded links in the displayed Web document, ~~to enable for enabling~~ the user to assert the highlight links button to highlight the plurality of links embedded in the displayed Web document, ~~to parse for parsing~~ the displayed Web ~~page~~ document for the plurality of embedded links in response to the user asserting the highlight links button, ~~to duplicate for duplicating~~ the plurality of embedded links found in the displayed Web document in response to parsing the displayed Web document, ~~to display for displaying~~ the plurality of duplicated embedded links into a box wherein each duplicated embedded link in the box corresponds to a link in the ~~embedded displayed Web document page~~, and ~~to highlight for highlighting~~ a particular embedded link in the displayed Web document when a cursor is placed over a duplicated embedded link in the box, the duplicated embedded link corresponding to the particular embedded link.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 34 wherein highlighting the particular link includes having the particular link flash.

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37. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 34 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link in a different color.

38. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 34 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using a larger font.

39. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 34 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using a different font.

40. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 34 wherein highlighting the particular link includes emboldening the particular link.

41. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 34 wherein highlighting the particular link includes displaying the particular link using an enlarged font and enlarging a target area in which the particular link is displayed.

42-45. (Canceled)

II. REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1, 3-8, 12, 14-19, 23, 25-30, 34, and 36-41 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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Interpreting the claims in light of the specification, Examiner finds the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the prior art of record, as argued by Applicant in the amendment filed 11/12/2008.

As argued by Applicant (Remarks, pp.13 and 14), the prior art fails to disclose or suggest "duplicating the plurality of embedded links found in the displayed Web document in response to parsing the displayed Web document; displaying the plurality of duplicated embedded links into a box wherein each duplicated embedded link in the box corresponds to a link in the displayed Web document; and highlighting a particular embedded link in the displayed Web document when a cursor is placed over a duplicated embedded link in the box, the duplicated embedded link corresponding to the particular embedded link."

The Examiner asserts that the claims overcome the prior art of record when the limitations are read in combination with the respective claimed limitations in their entirety.

Dependent claims are allowed as they depend upon allowable independent claims.

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

III. The Examiner as of general interest cites the following references:

- R. Kamper U.S. Pat. No. 5,982,370
- Adams et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,237,030
- Hutchison, "Web Page Downloading," GB 2350213 A, November 22 2000.

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